

REMARKS

The claims remaining the application are claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 through 34, inclusive. Claims 2 and 7 have been cancelled, per se, and the content thereof incorporated into claim 1. New claims 21-34 are presented therewith.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner has remarked about the patents referenced in the Background portion of the Specification. The 5,711,033 patent to Green et al has been cited (but not applied) by the Examiner. The 5,054,480 patent to Bare et al is cited for background purposes only, in order to educate the reader of any patent which will issue on the subject application and invention. Applicant does not believe that either of the patents referenced in the Background is prior art.

DRAWINGS

A proposed drawing correction is submitted herewith. The reference numeral 109 is shown in red ink.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 9, line 2 is believed to be correct as originally presented. Nevertheless, in order to satisfy what is perceived as the Examiner's objection, claim 9 has been amended.

SPECIFICATION

A corrected Abstract of the Disclosure is provided herewith.

All of the other objections raised by the Examiner to the Specification have been attended to except the objection to page 15, line 19. It is believed that the original Specification is correct as presented.

The correction at page 15, line 15 is not quite what the Examiner has requested but is believed to be appropriate.

Page 3, lines 7-9 have also been amended to correct a typographical error in the patent number.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC 112

The typographical errors pointed out by the Examiner in claims 4, 12-16 and 18 are rectified in the claims as amended.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated over Diaz et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,481,019. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Nevertheless, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations recited in claims 2 and 7 which have been declared to be allowable. Thus, claim 1, as amended, is believed to be allowable.

In addition, claims 3-6 and 8 through 20, which depend from claim 1, are believed to be allowable, as well.

New claim 21 is a new independent claim which is an expanded version of claim 1 (including the import of claim 7 which the Examiner has declared to be allowable). Thus, claim 21 and dependent claims 22-34 are allowable, as well.

ADDITIONAL FEES

The cost for the additional claims added by this amendment is calculated as follows:

For	Number filed	Number extra	Small Entity	Other than Small Entity
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	X 42 = 0	= 0
Total Claims	34 - 20 =	14	x 9 = 126	135 = 0
Total filing fee			\$126	\$135.00


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CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the claims now in the application has been allowed, declared to be allowable or depends from an allowed claim, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examining Attorney has any questions or comments regarding the application, a telephone interview with the undersigned Attorney for Applicant is earnestly solicited in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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